

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

Further, the claims are amended to use more consistent terminology and to address minor informalities therein. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect.

The presently submitted amendments to the specification, Abstract, and claims are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

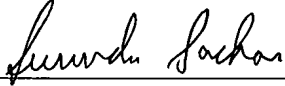
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